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WESTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL

ROUTE 1, BOX 626

SALEM, OREGON

**NOT THE GALE -  
BUT THE  
SET OF  
THE SAIL**



*Ships sail east, and ships sail west  
While the selfsame breezes blow;  
'Tis the set of the sail, and not the gale  
That determines the way they go.*



## Staff



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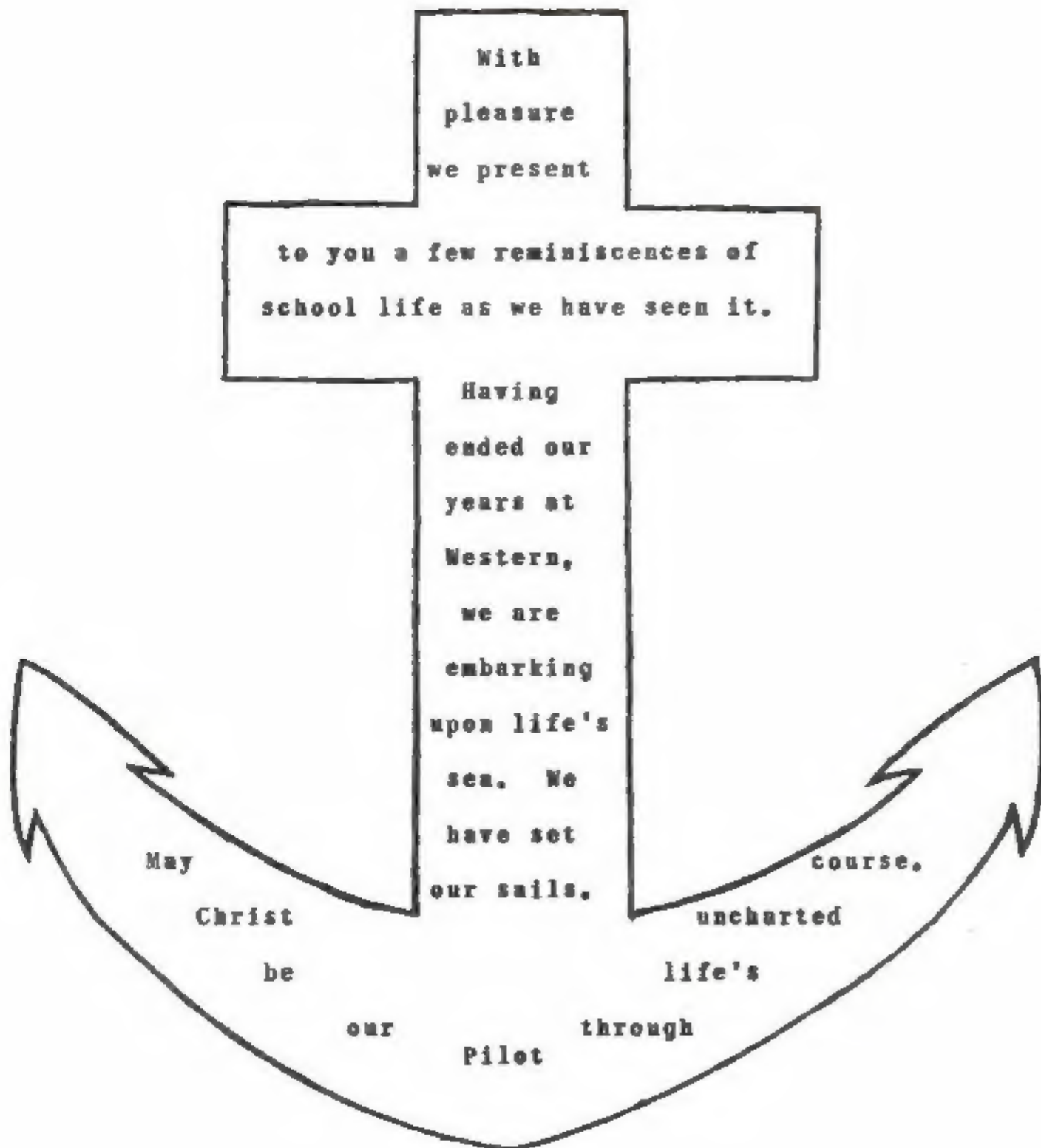
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# Foreword



# Dedication



To Ellen West, Sanford Kauffman, and Wayne Snyder, whom God has called to Heaven as representatives of W.M.S., we respectfully dedicate this '54 PIONEER. Though they are physically absent from us, their memory will always linger in our hearts, and their names on our class roll.



# 1945



# 1954





*Administration*





# From the Principal



My Dear Seniors

We have shared many experiences together. We have studied, worked, sung, played, and prayed together. We have shared life — and death together. You have acquired information. You have learned. You feel informed. Knowledge has been your watchword. The Apostle Paul recognizes the value of "knowing."

There is a place for discernment and Spiritual knowledge. Paul, however, appeals to a noble quality, that of Spiritual Love. Thus in I Cor eight the Apostle strongly requires that love must control our life patterns even though it may affect our normal "rights." Graduates, deep love for others will insure proper attitudes and behavior towards them. The moral imperative is realized more emphatically as we remember that Jesus Christ died to SAVE men. How then may we cause another to stumble, to sin, — and perish !!!? — One for whom Christ died.

Love "edifieth," builds and makes full. On the contrary, knowledge "puffeth up." Therefore, I commend you to Love.

God bless you,  
and may you be  
a blessing. KKH

Clayton Swartzentruber  
Greenwood, Delaware

Fine Arts  
Personal Life and Work  
Freshman Music  
Chorus  
Touring Chorus





# Faculty

**Marcus Lind**  
Salem, Oregon

Bible Doctrine  
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New Testament History  
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Greenwood, Delaware

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Shorthand I  
Typing II  
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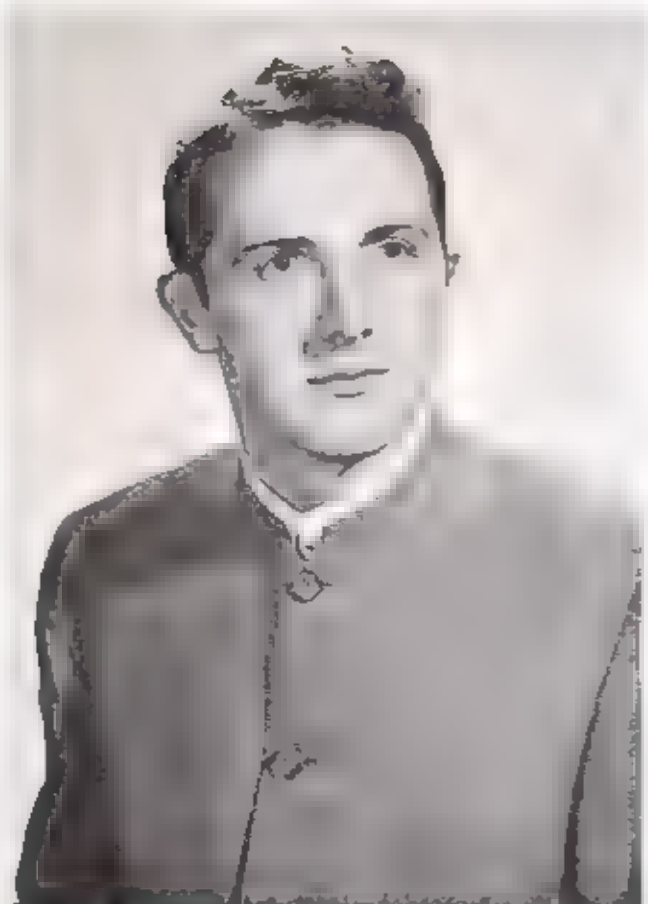
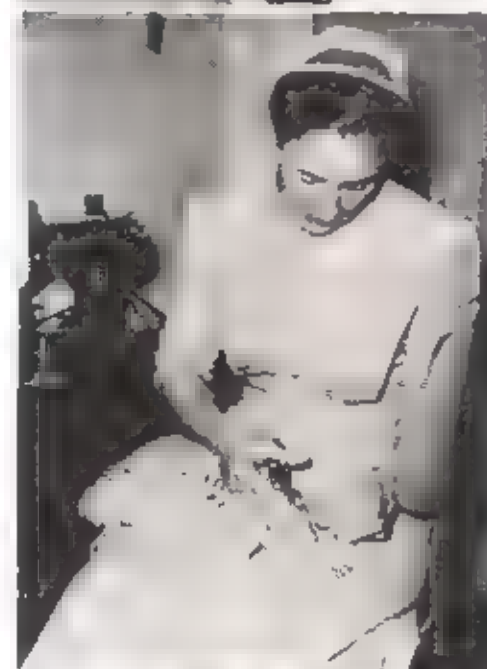
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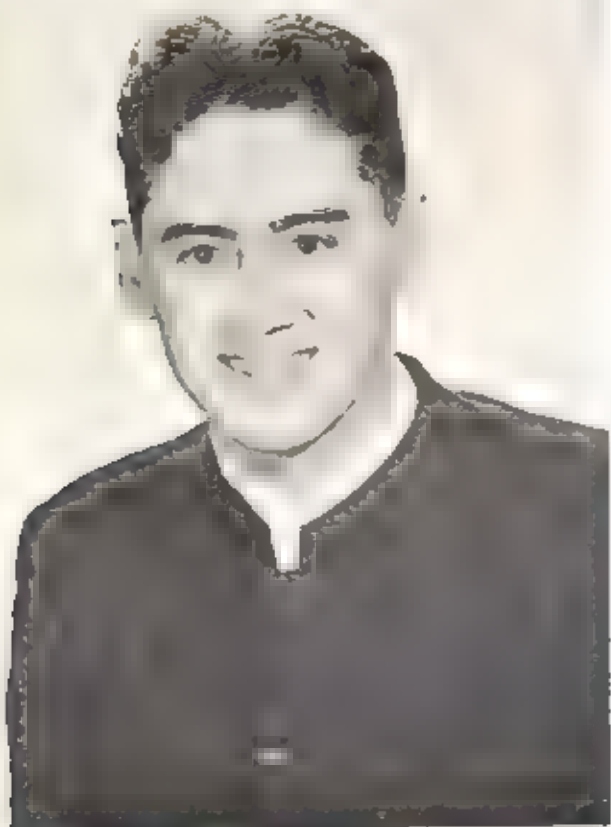
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Salem, Oregon

Hall Manager



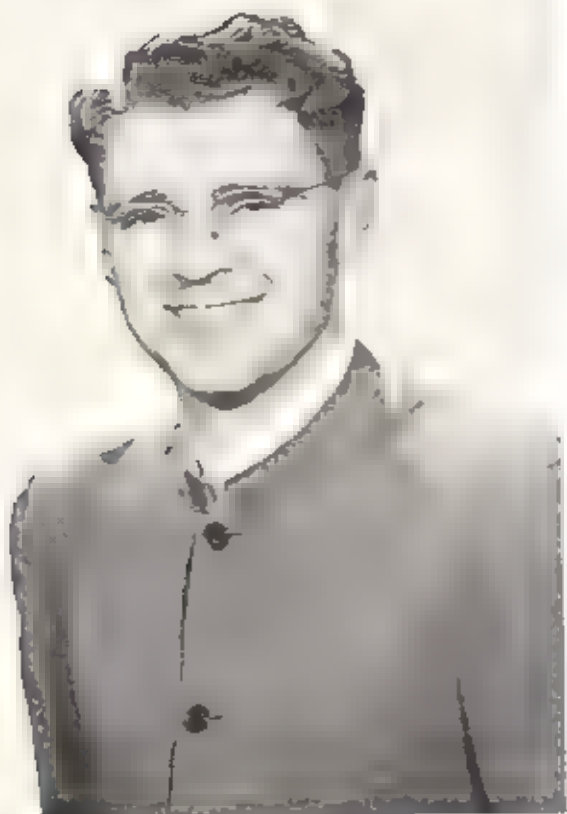


# Faculty



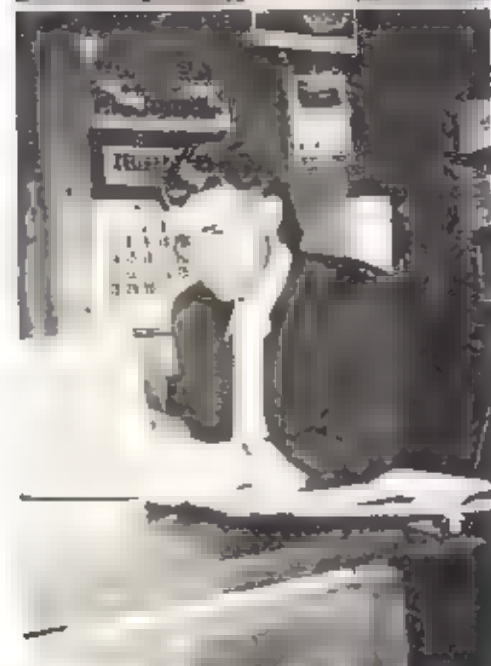
**John Miller**  
Salem, Oregon

Assistant Hall Manager  
English II  
Spanish I  
Special Music Class



**Lloyd Nisly**  
Sheridan, Oregon

Business Manager  
Jr. Business Training



Our cooks: Clysta McTimmonds, Cook; and Louretta Shenk and Anne Strubhar as assistants. These three play an important part in the school. They have done their best to please us by serving attractive as well as tasty meals.



Senior Class





# Graduation Exercises

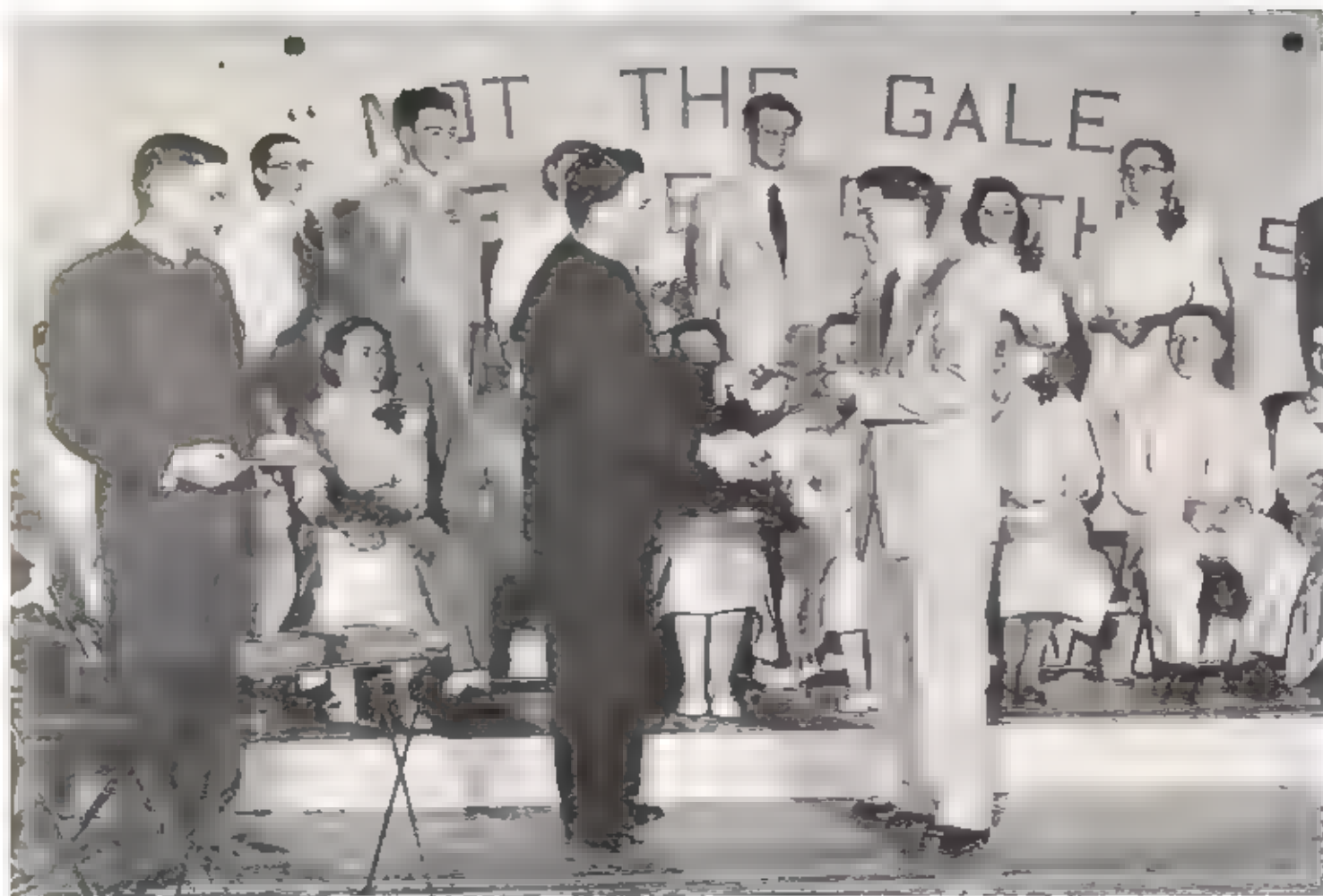


Class of '54



Mr. President speaks

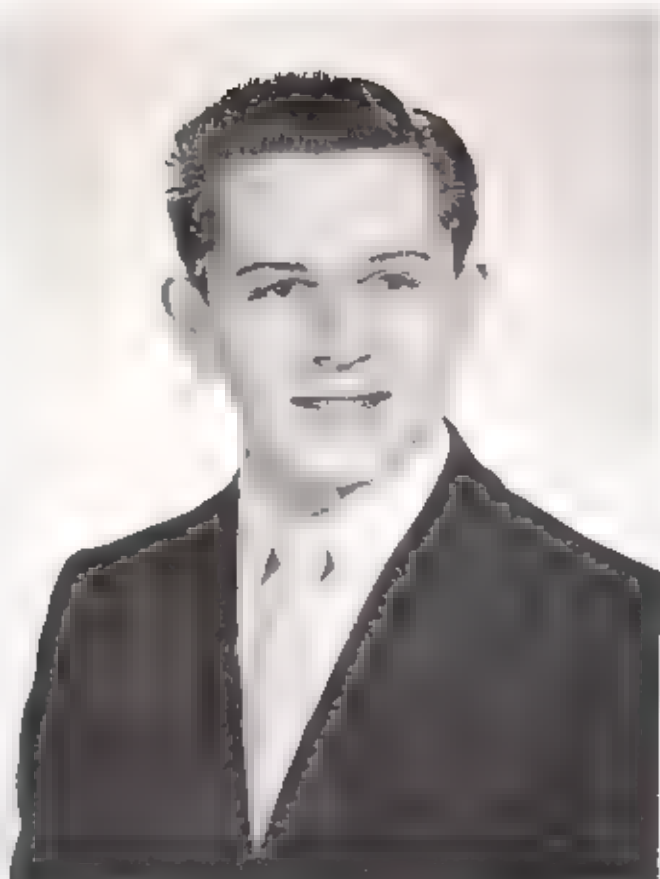
# Graduation Exercises



Congratulations, Verle



...and Nadine!



# Seniors

**JUNIOR WOLFER**  
Sweet Home, Oregon

Small but mighty, good character, a zealous Christian, amiable, enjoys sports.

"Politeness cost so little and yields so much."



## CLASS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We, the class of '54, have completed four years of high school work. God has shown himself to us in many ways during this year. One of His mysterious ways was manifested in the drowning of three of our classmates while we were on our Senior Class Trip. This was a sad experience for all of us but we know that God had a reason for allowing this to happen. It made each of us realize that we must be ready to go at any time. Our tragedy has drawn us all closer to our Lord.

We, as a class, have had many inspiring and good times together which brought us closer to each other. As we look back over our years of high school, we have many precious memories. We will enjoy these memories in the years ahead.

We wish to thank our class sponsor, Sister Swartzentruber, for her faithful guidance throughout the year. The future holds many different things for us. Some of our group will enter college, some will go into voluntary service and I-W work, and others will enter occupations that may become their life work. Whatever we do we realize that if we always stay by God's guidance, we will always have a testimony for our Lord which the world can see by the way we live.

May each of us work for the Lord and bring others to Christ that together we may join the Lord and our classmates in heaven.

*Junior Wolfer*



## CLASS OFFICERS

L to R: Nadine Kauffman, Treasurer, Margaret Swartzentruber, Sponsor, Melvin Wolfer, Jr., Verle Headings, Vice President, Erma Zook, Secretary





# Seniors

**LYLE BIRKY**  
Kalispell, Montana

Explosive laugh, quiet till you get to know him, sincere, likes to play pranks.

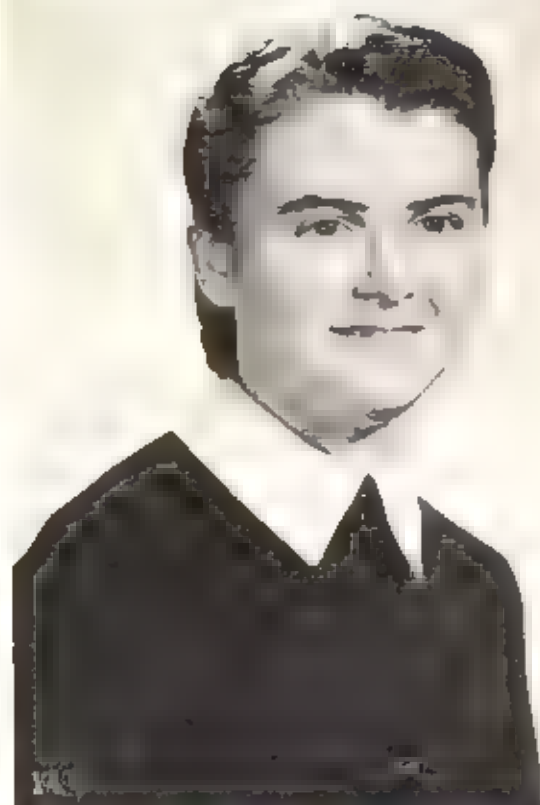
"Good humor is the health of the soul."



**THELMA BITIKOFER**  
Salem, Oregon

"Biti", a singing witness, dependable, energetic, "Just terrific."

"Contentment has great delight and little trouble."

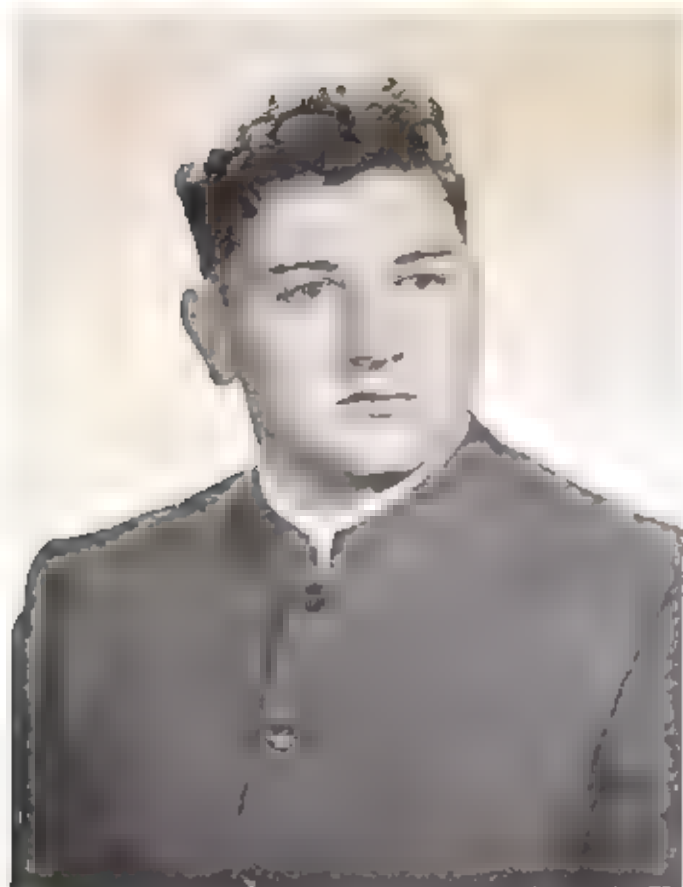


**PEARLY CRAFT**  
Nampa, Idaho

Unusual laugh, willing worker, reserved, cooperative, "likes" to study.

"What sweet delight a quiet life affords."





# Seniors

**MERLE EMBLETON**  
Greenwood, Delaware

"Porkie", betrayed by his Eastern brogue, is inquisitive, melodious tenor, ready testimony.

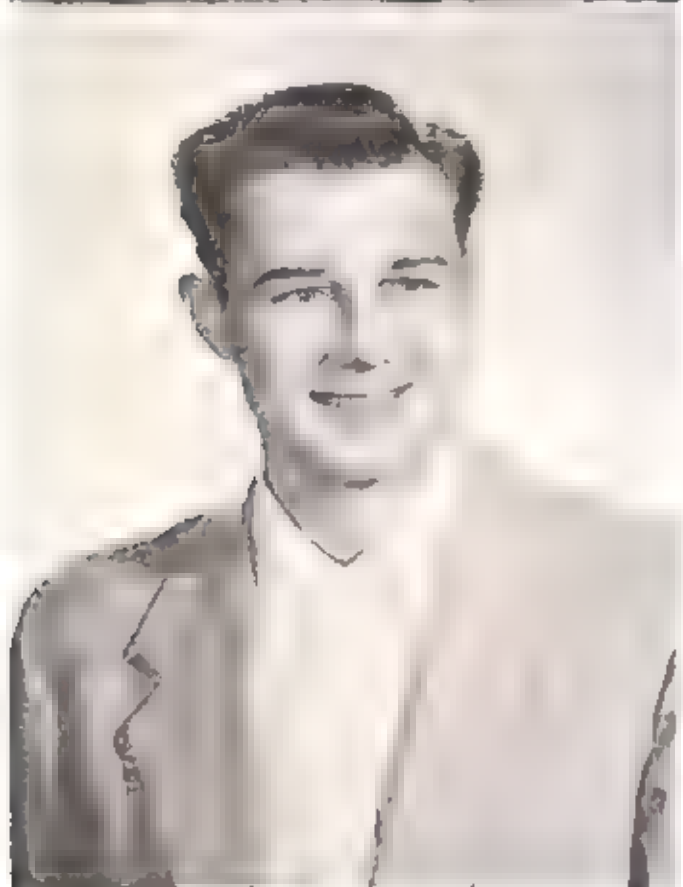
"Music washes away from the soul that dust of everyday life."



**LOREN EMMERT**  
Sweet Home, Oregon

"Chick", full of fun, good athlete, conscientious, loyal student.

"Humor is the lubricant of life."



**MARVIN EMMERT**  
Sweet Home, Oregon

"Marv", well groomed, unpredictable, excels in sports, adds to the bass section.

"Wit is the salt of conversation."



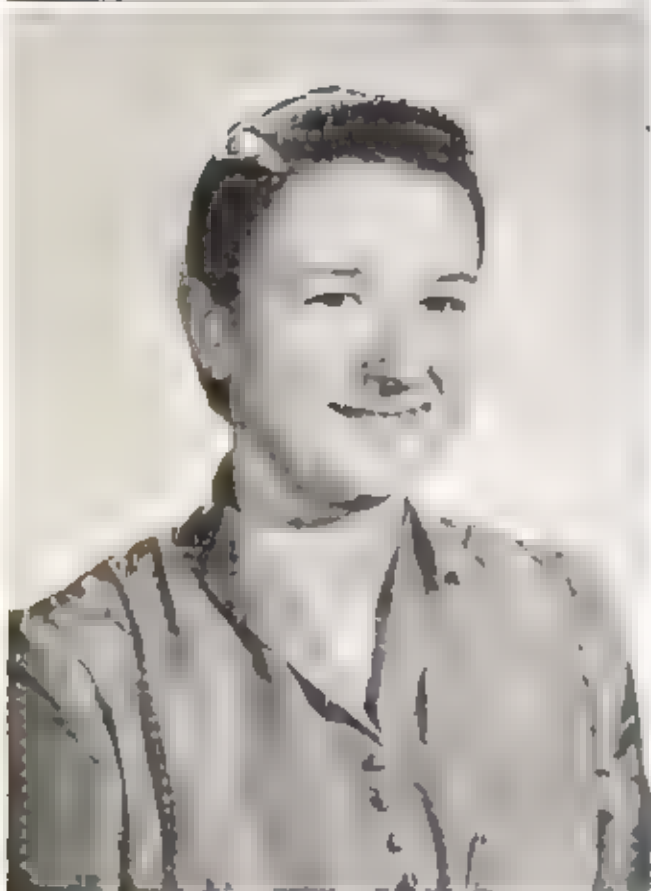
# Seniors



VERLE HEADINGS  
Harrisburg, Oregon

Dependable, gentleman, sincerity governs his deeds, chosen vessel for service.

"Time spent is time saved when that which it buys is truth."



VERNA HERSHBERGER  
Tangent, Oregon

A friendly tease, sincere Christian, takes her responsibility seriously.

"There is unspeakable pleasure attending the life of the voluntary student."



EVELYN HOSTETLER  
Aurora, Oregon

"Evie", loyal friend, loves to imitate, expressive eyes, ready for a good time, lives her convictions.

"Good taste is the flower of good sense."





# Seniors

NADINE KAUFFMAN  
Kalispell, Montana

"Deanie", fun beneath her shyness, a wealth of blonde hair, a true Christian character.

"There's no place like home."



NORMA JEAN KAUFFMAN  
Brownsville, Oregon

"Jeanie", future nurse, enthusiastic, loves to testify for her Lord, a dependable friend.

"One lifted heart should be worth at least two lifted faces."



HELEN LIND  
Salem, Oregon

Artistically inclined, honor roll student, a good seamstress, conscientious.

"Diligence increaseth the fruits of toil."





# Seniors



**RUTH NISLY**  
Salem, Oregon

Alert, calm, cheerful personality, a ready testimony, industrious student.

"True friends are often the mooring which holds us fast in the swift tideway."



**ALICIA RIVIERA**  
La Plata, Puerto Rico

Hidden sense of humor, quiet disposition, has adjusted well to American culture, a loyal Puerto Rican.

"Modesty is not only an ornament, but also a guard to virtue."



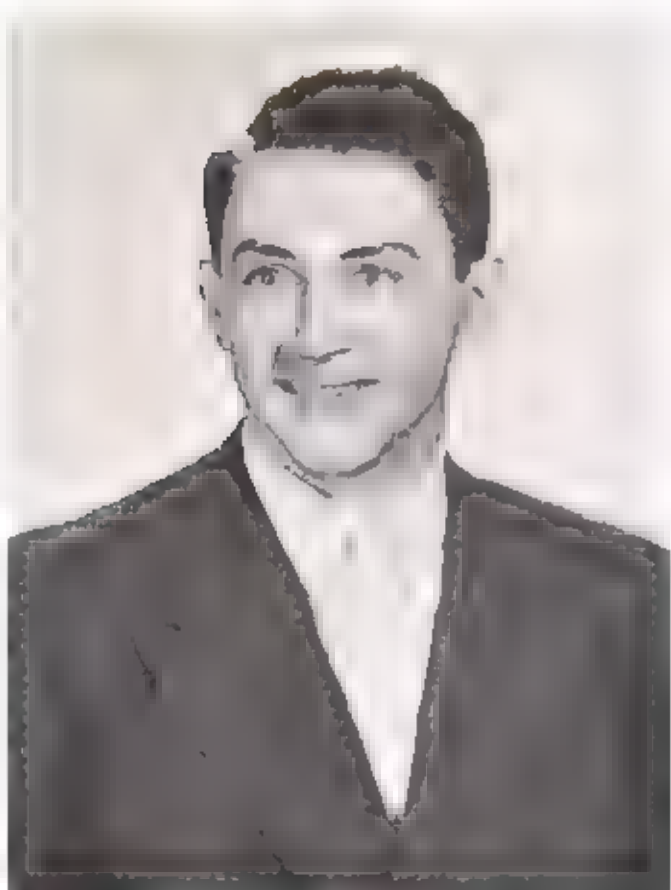
**SHIRLEY ROTH**  
Albany, Oregon

"Butch", an infectious laugh, never too busy to have a good time, full of ideas.

"A good laugh is as sunshine in a house."







# Seniors

PAUL SCHROCK  
Tangent, Oregon

"Barney", intellectual type, loves to travel, a good public speaker, brainstorms.

"He who reads has everything within his reach."



LOUISE SHENK  
Willamina, Oregon

"Weezie", quiet character, cute technician or when embarrassed, a sports leader, Christian worker.

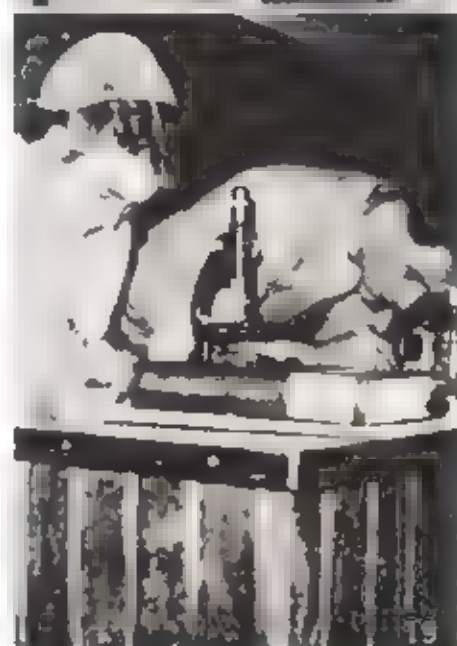
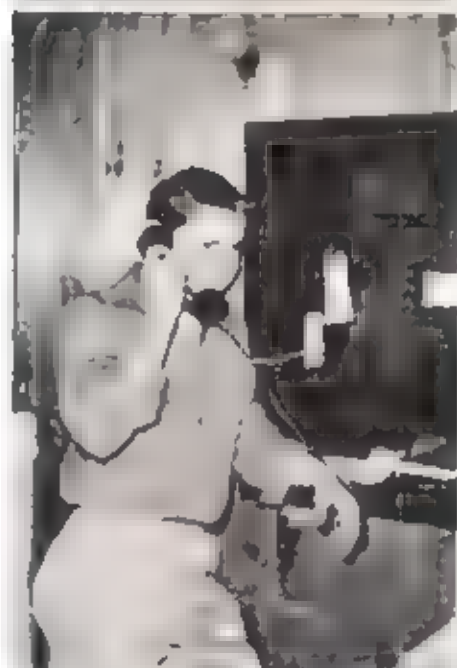
"The only way to have a true friend is to be one."



VERLE STUTZMAN  
Brownsville, Oregon

"Curly", mischief is no stranger, is well-liked, willing to give a lift.

"Knowledge advances by steps, and not by leaps."



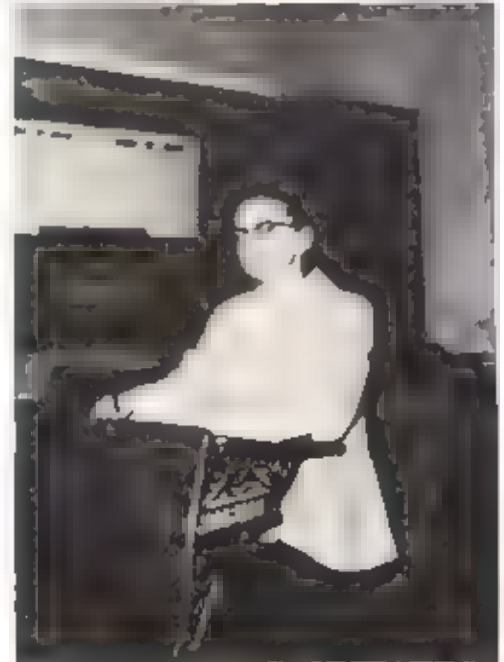
# Seniors



GRACE WIDEMAN  
McMinnville, Oregon

"Gracie", a first-rate entertainer, ready to witness, neat, loves fun, quiet personality.

"Ability involves responsibility."



KENNETH WOLFER  
Logsdon, Oregon

"Red", willing to help, mischievous, "Why study?"

"Variety is the spice of life, that gives it all its flavor."

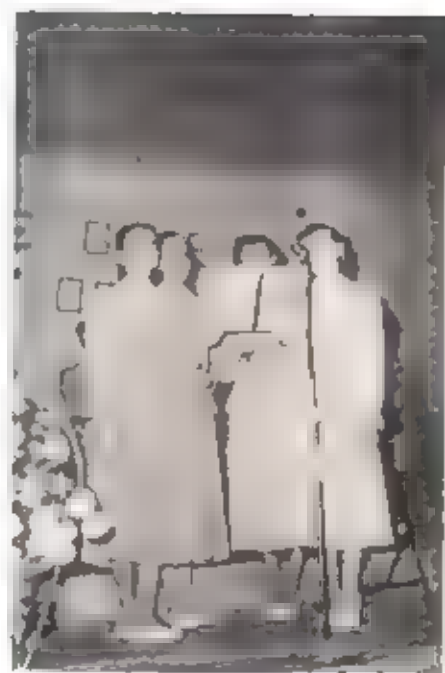


ERMA ZOOK  
Canby, Oregon

First-rate secretary, ready assistant, warm personality, sincere, loyal Christian.

"Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well."

# Graduation Exercises





# The Promoted Seniors



Sanford was easy to get acquainted with and was readily accepted into our class. He was a good athlete, friendly, and a buddy to us all. Having spent several years in public school, Sanford was very glad for a Christian emphasis in teaching.

He was full of life and entered cheerfully into every phase of school life; spiritual, academic, athletic, and social. Though he attended WMS but briefly, his contribution to the school was great. We pray that God may use the testimony of his death to His glory.



We all appreciated Ellen. She fulfilled her duties cheerfully and enjoyed helping others. She did much to make life more pleasant for those about her; was friendly with a cheery smile for all that she met.

By taking responsibility seriously and co-operating in the school activities, she filled a large place.

Ellen's ambition to serve God on the mission field was not granted, but by her death she may have won more to Christ than if she had lived.

Though we miss her greatly, we know that some day we will be re-united, nevermore to part.



Although Wayne was a member of our class for only a short time, we learned to respect him. Beneath his quiet character lay a wealth of good qualities----leadership ability, serious thought, constancy of purpose, and character.

We admired his thoughtfulness for others and his willingness to perform his duties well. He was a dependable friend, trustworthy, and loyal. His words and actions bespoke a deep sincerity. We have all been challenged by his steadfastness of purpose and Christian life.



# The Promoted Seniors



# Memorial Dedication



Preparing the site



Planting the shrubs



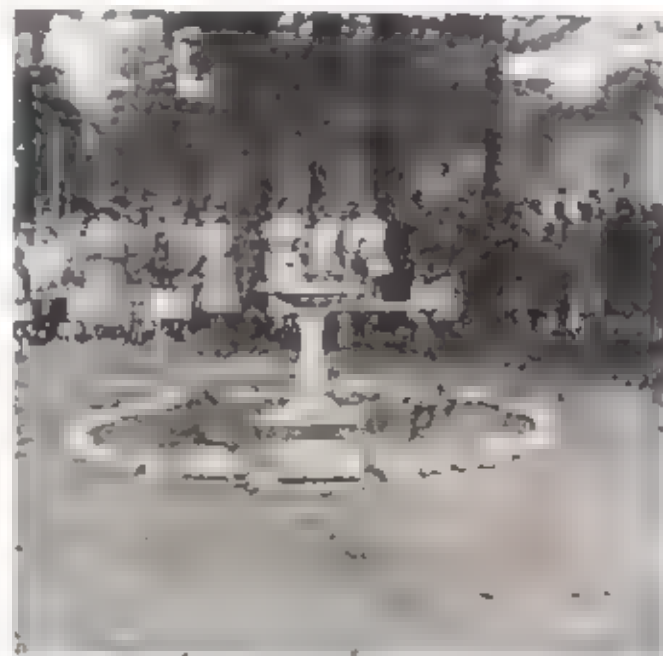
Setting the stakes



The Dedication Message



Unveiling the stone



Reverently witnessed





*Classes*





# Calendar

September 8.....	The start of another school year.
September 8-26.....	Brunk Revival Meetings at Albany-attended by students.
September 26.....	Annual Bible Conference--George Brunk, speaker.
October 15.....	Senior Sneak Day.
October 19.....	Funeral of Ellen, Sanford, and Wayne.
November 9, 10, 11....	Student Work Days.
November 16.....	Ian Thomas, visiting speaker from England.
November 23.....	Breezes contest finished--Seniors the winners.
November 26, 27.....	Thanksgiving Vacation.
November 28, 29.....	Youth Conference
December 11.....	Christmas program.
December 18.....	Christmas vacation begins.
January 4.....	Christmas vacation ends. Beginning of evening school.
February 9.....	Winter Bible School began.
February 12.....	First PTA Meeting.
February 19.....	Second Annual Music Feast.
February 26.....	C. F. Derstine visits school.
March 19.....	Winter Bible School Program.
April 7, 8, 9.....	Christian Life Messages by Stanley Shenk.
April 9.....	Senior Girls' Slumber Party.
April 9, 10, 11.....	Mennonite History Conference--Stanley Shenk, guest speaker.
April 11-18.....	Easter Vacation.
April 14.....	Gospel Teams left on out-of-state tours.
April 22, 23, 24.....	Northwest Christian Schools' Music Festival in Salem.
April 28.....	Junior-Senior Dinner.
April 29.....	First rendition of the Holy City.
May 6.....	Trip for winning Breezes contest. Work day at school.
May 7.....	Public Literary Program.
May 21.....	Second annual rendition of "David, the Shepherd Boy" on new platform built with Student work day funds.
May 23.....	Baccalaureate Service.
May 24.....	Senior Class Day Program. Dedication of Memorial Spot. Alumni-Varsity Game. Commencement



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FIRST ROW: Bernard Showalter, Sponsor; Harold Snyder, Vice President; Gilbert Burkey, President; Joanne Hershberger, Secretary.  
 SECOND ROW: Lois Conrad, Beverly Shenk, Vesta Kauffman, Shirley Steckly, Wanda Kester, Susie Stutzman, Rosemarie Flores.  
 THIRD ROW: Norma Kropf, Melvin Bitikofer, Jr., Clarence Hoefling, David Roth, Jon Oesch, Ada Mae Wagler.  
 FOURTH ROW: Raymond Kauffman, Eldon Ropp, Edward Wolfer, Maynard Nofziger, Loren Lind, Maurice Shenk.

This year our class is increased in number. We are glad for each new member, especially the girls, for they help balance our class. When we were Freshmen there were only two girls in our class.

This year our class published the Western Breezes, the monthly school paper. We enjoyed working together on this project. We handed out tracts on the streets of Salem and trust that some souls were helped by this witness. We are glad for the privilege of spreading the gospel in this way. Afterward we went to Bro. Showalter's for refreshments. Our class presented a piggy bank to Richard Arthur Showalter. With this we present our best wishes and expect him to attend our school in thirteen years. Our class also featured a supper for the Senior class. It was centered around a Pennsylvania Dutch setting. The building was decorated Dutchlike and the waiters and waitresses were dressed in Dutch costumes. Some Sophomore classmen were the waiters and waitresses. We enjoyed working with the Senior class this year and wish them well as they leave our school. We feel our class has many privileges as well as many responsibilities in preparing for our future lives in this Christian school.

*Loren Lind*

# Sophomores



FIRST ROW: John Miller, Sponsor; Robert Yoder, Vice President; Sherry Lee Berkey, Secretary; Calvin Emmert, President.  
 SECOND ROW: Sterling Burkey, Doris Wolfer, Esther Evers, Caroline Jantzi, Dianne Wolfer, Kermit Gingerich, Albert Nisly.  
 THIRD ROW: Stanley Mishler, Stella Birky, Esta Schrock, Shirley Reist, Connie Martin, Virginia Hostetler, Eleanor Reeder, Harvey Kuhns.  
 FOURTH ROW: Daniel Nisly, Richard Ropp, Eldon Kauffman, Eddie Reno, Marvin Kauffman, Lucius Williams, Norman Roth, Allen Lind.

As a new year began, it was a pleasure to get acquainted with our fellow classmates. We are still the largest class in our school. Stella Birky joined us second semester, making an enrollment of twenty-six students.

Our experiences as a sophomore class under the sponsorship of Brother John Miller will be remembered by each student. We recall the morning when our English Class went to the Salem Library. The evening was spent in a social here at school. Our minds also go back to the evening we gathered together in prayer concerning our revival meetings. Of course, the experiences in our classrooms cannot be forgotten. These hours of mental, physical, social, and spiritual activities have been well spent.

The sophomore girls' quartet has represented our class at various singing programs. As we continue our education, we want to be led in the right paths. Our prayer is that our class assignments and our daily tasks may prepare us for the service of our King.

*Esta Schrock*



# Freshmen



FIRST ROW: Geraldine Shank, Vice President; Donna Driver, Secretary; Robert West, President; Mildred Eichelberger, Sponsor.  
 SECOND ROW: Ruby Lind, Alice Kaltenbach, Verdella Fahndrich, Letha Ropp, Darlene Widmer, Donovan Roth.  
 THIRD ROW: Susan Roth, Ardis Beckler, Rosalie Kentta, Grace Roth, Robert Durkin, David Hostetler, Joanne Cook.  
 FOURTH ROW: Philip Reeder, Warde Hershberger, Delno Byers, Leland Miller, Lester Steckly, Henry Friesen, Merlin Schweitzer.

When we entered the halls of W.M.S. we anticipated a year of study and fellowship with the other classes. And we were also glad to learn to know who our classmates would be. Through the year we learned to know them much better--and found real friends among our class.

The earliest big event for our class was the election of our officers. Bob West filled a real place as our president.

When the Breezes and Annual Drive began we tried our best to win, but to our dismay we lost to the Seniors.

In January we had a forenoon off from school to go sledding on the Eola Hills. We had a lot of fun sledding and throwing snowballs. Luckily no one was injured.

We had a social in March. We had planned for it a long time. At 7:30 we gathered at the Recreation Hall. We played a number of games, and then had a wiener and marshmallow roast. We had a wonderful time.

Our year has been very successful, and we feel that our four-year journey through high school has been well begun.

*Donna Driver*



# Western Bible School



FRONT ROW: James Smucker, Peter Hofer, Nancy Alice Shenk, Irene Nisly, Marion Knox, Lyle Neuschwander.

BACK ROW: Wilbur Birky, Delbert Brenneman, Seth Miller, Jacob Hofer, Chris Coblentz, Clarence Ramer, Instructor. Not Pictured: John Busse

The enrollment of this year's Special Bible Term numbered one dozen. Four different states were represented---Montana, Indiana, Virginia, and Oregon---and also a Canadian province, Alberta, from which came two of the students plus our instructor, Brother C. J. Ramer.

The courses taught by Brother Ramer were: Discourses of Jesus, Book Study of Daniel, Tabernacle Study, and Bible Interpretation. Brother Marcus Lind gave a course in Sermon on the Mount, and Brother Menno Snyder taught the music class.

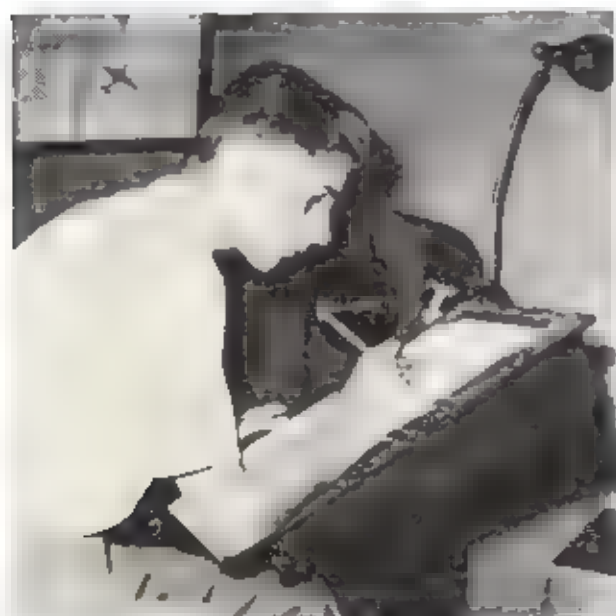
Even though our class was small we enjoyed many good class discussions and had good times together including a trip to Mount Hood. The six weeks flew by and the time was up almost before we realized it.

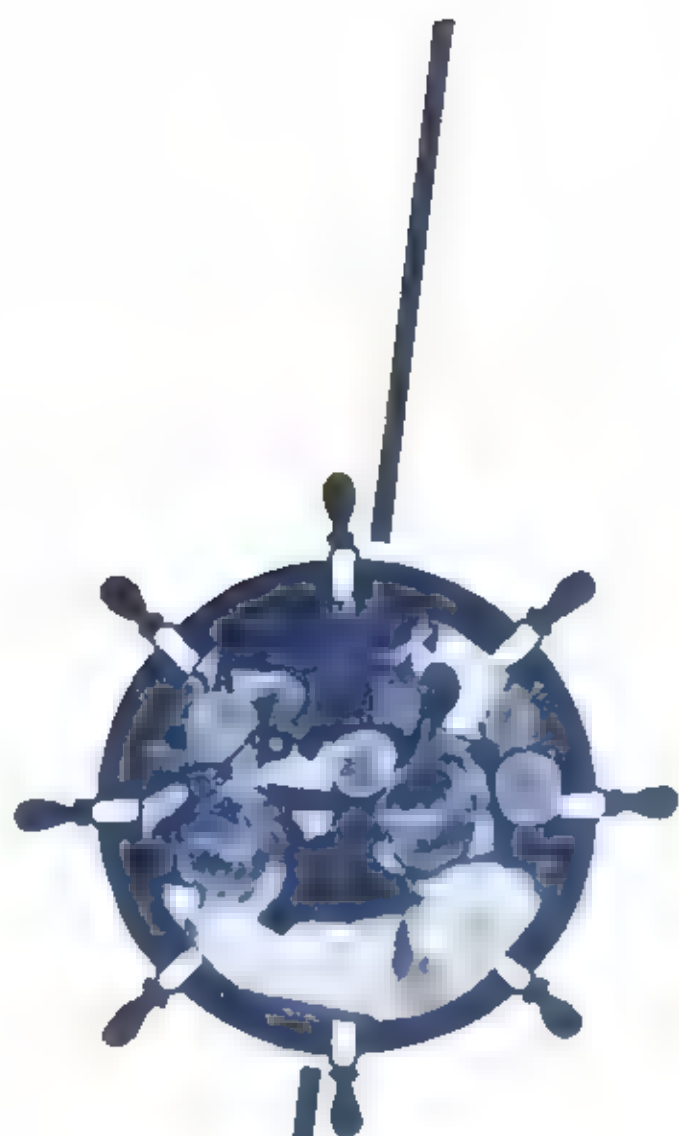
We were very sorry to have Brother Ramer leave us before the term was completed. Due to sickness he was called home just at the beginning of the final week, so we managed to carry out the remainder of the term without Brother Ramer.

We are all thankful that it was possible for us to spend this short time at Western Mennonite School, and we are thankful, too, for the rich spiritual blessings that were received while here.

*Nancy Alice Shenk*

# School Life





H. S. A.





# Student Council



SEATED: Louise Shenk, Vice President; Marvin Emert, Executive Vice President; Verle Headings, President; Don Oesch, Treasurer.

STANDING: Junior Wolfer, Calvin Emert, Marvin Kauffman, Joanne Hershberger, Harold Snyder, Helen Lind, Paul Schrock, Susan Roth, Clayton Swartzentruber, Merle Embleton.

This year marks the beginning of a new pioneering venture in the extra curricular area of our school life. It is the formation of a student body organization known as the Western Students Association. Part of the structure of this organization is the Student Council which is comprised of the Executive Committee, chairman of the various committees, and four class representatives. It is expected that each member of the Council be above reproach and of high character. Their position on the Council designates them as student leaders and carries a responsibility for good exemplary Christian living.

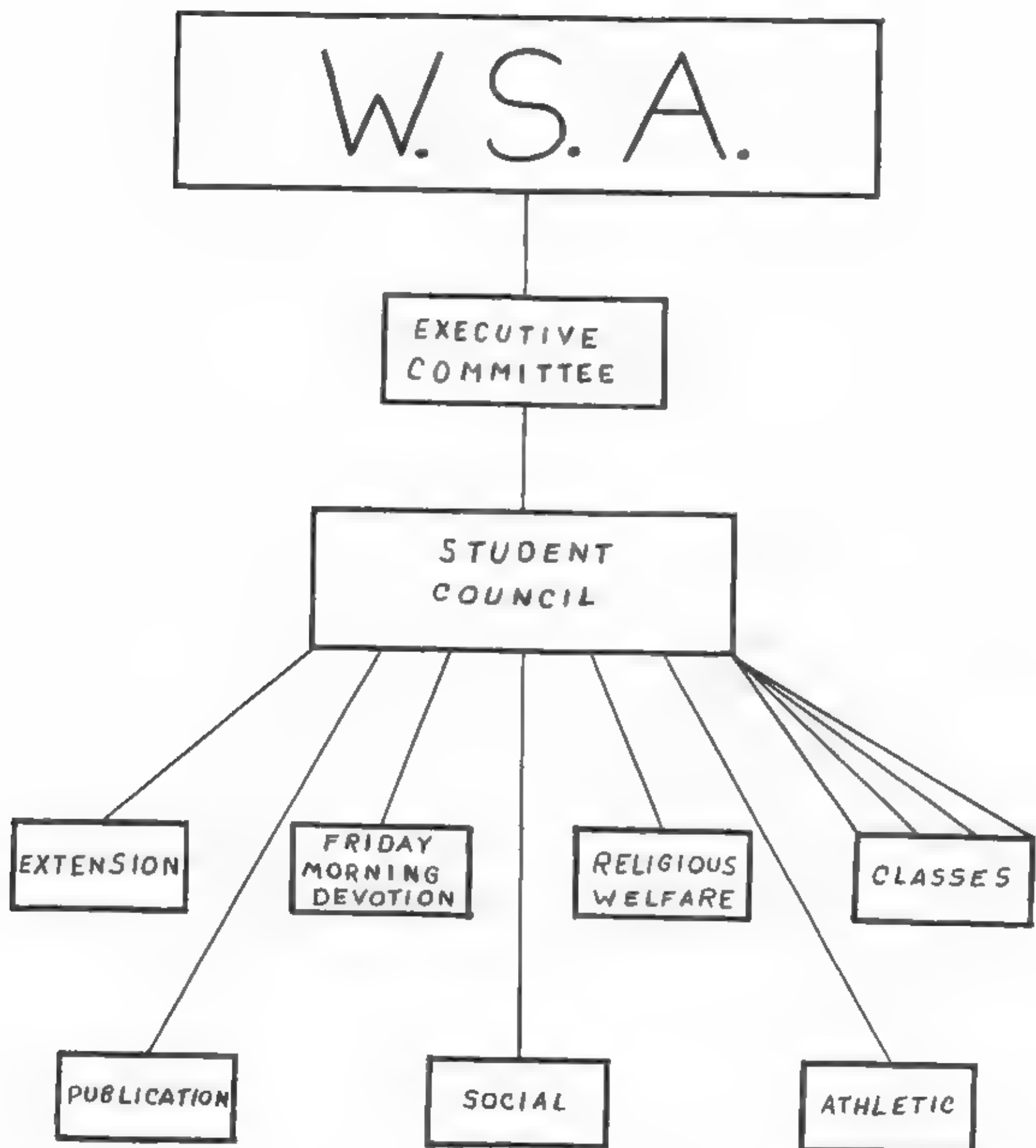
The chief aim of the Council is to give the students of the school more responsibility in the operation of school activities and to improve the spiritual and social welfare of the student body. As the faculty share with the students some of the responsibilities and problems which arise in the school, there is increased understanding and co-operation between us. We feel sure that this gives us as students a greater appreciation for our faculty.

Various committees have been formed to operate under the Council. Those which were formed first were: The Religious Welfare Committee, Extension Committee, Social Committee, Athletic Committee, Publications Committee, Classes Committee, and the Friday Morning Devotion Committee. These committees are responsible to provide the necessary activities which will insure proper development of the students, spiritually, socially, and physically. Each of these committees has one or two faculty advisors which offer advice and give approval or disapproval to planned activities.

I feel sure that the Student Council has, and will in the future, provide a vital part of the individual student's training, as some of the responsibility is laid upon him. As his capacity increases his responsibility will in turn be increased with the effect that Western will become a more worthwhile and efficient institution.

*Verle Headings*  
Student Body President

# Structure





*Activities*





# Mixed Chorus



"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live..." Psalms 104:33

Singing is one of the many ways in which we can witness for Christ. Many times we are judged by the kind of songs we sing. We, as members of the Mixed Chorus, have spent many happy hours of fellowship blending our voices together in song.

The Mixed Chorus of 1953-54 claims a larger membership than any previous W.M.S. chorus. This chorus is open to all students who wish to participate. All of the students took part in Chorus this year, with the exception of ten.

The ministry of our Chorus was to sing sacred songs to the people throughout the District. One of our first appearances this year was at the Annual Mission Board Meeting where we sang several numbers. The chorus also took part at our Christman Program. In January we took part, as a School Chorus, in the Young People's Singspiration. We also sang at the Annual Song Feast in February. In March The Mixed Chorus gave a fell evening's program which was for the entire District. We all joined in the helping to sing the oratorio by Gaul, "The Holy City". As our closing program and as a Commencement activity the Mixed Chorus rendered the cantata, "David, The Shepherd Boy".

We were glad to be able to use our voices for the purpose of helping others to appreciate good wholesome music as well as testifying for Christ.

*Connie Martin*

# Touring Chorus



FIRST ROW: Norma Kropf, Joanne Hershberger, Verna Hershberger, Helen Lind, Alicia Rivera.  
 SECOND ROW: Nadine Kauffman, Connie Martin, Louretta Shenk, Evelyn Hostetler (Secretary), Shirley Roth, Clayton Swartzentruber, Director.  
 THIRD ROW: Loren Emmert, Raymond Kauffman, Verle Headings, John Miller, Merle Embleton.  
 FOURTH ROW: Junior Wolfer, Paul Schrock, Eldon Kauffman, Edward Wolfer, Lyle Birky, Maurice Shenk. Not Pictured: Grace Wideman, Erma Zook, Verle Stutzman.

The Western Mennonite Touring Chorus of 1954 began its practice around the first of January, but didn't really get down to work until February.

The goal of the twenty-four voice chorus and director, Brother Clayton Swartzentruber, was to sing in the Mennonite Churches of Oregon during the latter part of March and April.

The object of our Touring Chorus was to become better acquainted and to fellowship with the churches in our Conference District. Our aim was not to solicit for funds nor for future students, although both are always welcome!

The desire of our hearts as members of the Touring Chorus was to let Christ definitely fulfill a special and prominent place in our lives at all times. We enjoyed wonderful times doing this through song.

Our prayer is, that as the years continue, the Touring Choruses of the future will become more powerful and that God will be glorified through the efforts of the Christian lives participating.

*Evelyn Hostetler*



# Vesperian Literary



FIRST ROW: Margaret Swartzentruber (Sponsor), Paul Schrock, Merle Embleton, Ada Mae Wagler.

SECOND ROW: Ruby Lind, Verdella Fahndrich, Susan Roth, Susie Stutzman, Stella Birky, Esta Schrock, Ruth Nisly, Sherry Lee Berkey, Alicia Riviera.

THIRD ROW: David Hostetler, Geraldine Shank, Nadine Kauffman, Wanda Kester, Grace Roth, Virginia Hostetler, Evelyn Hostetler, Louise Shenk, Shirley Roth, Alice Kaltenbach, Don Oesch.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Ropp, Lucius Williams, Eldon Kauffman, Loren Lind, Maynard Nofziger, Lyle Birky, Marvin Kauffman, Maurice Shenk, Harold Snyder, Allen Lind.

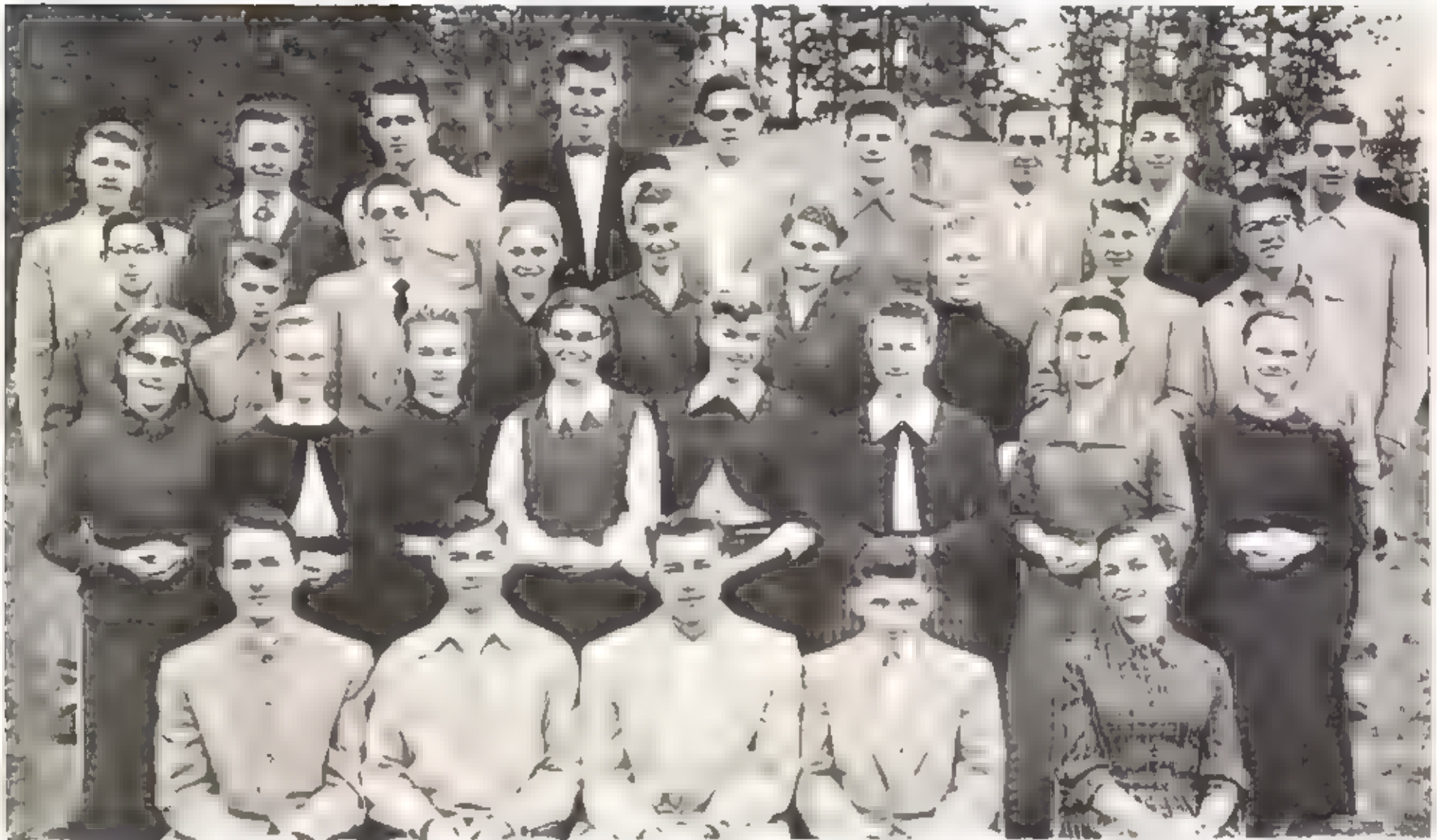
This year we outgrew the two literaries that have been a part of the school. Faculty and students felt that it would be wise to organize a new Literary. Any new or former students were encouraged to join this Literary. We had the task of forming a constitution and selecting a motto.

Our chosen motto is, "Be thy real self, speak thy true thought, and strive for that which enobleth." We have all felt the challenge of this motto, and it is our plan to have a plaque of it painted and placed before us at each meeting.

Each of our meetings has been an interesting evening of fellowship. We will remember the impromptu program in which each member contributed something. Another evening, when our program was over rather early the President had each person stand and then sit down only after they gave something of benefit for the rest of the group. Our socials and game evenings always closed with a period of devotions. If you are planning to come to W.M.S., the Vesperian Literary is the one for you. Just inquire of any of our group, and they will make you feel as much a part of our Literary as each member has felt this past year. We want to thank our first President Paul Schrock, for getting us off to a good start.

*Maurice Shenk*

# King Creek Literary



FIRST ROW: Bernard Showalter, Sponsor; Raymond Kauffman, Marvin Emmert, Stanley Mishler, Joanne Hershberger.  
 SECOND ROW: Lois Conrad, Doris Wolfer, Letha Ropp, Darlene Widmer, Donna Driver, Verna Hershberger, Helen Lind, Dianne Wolfer.  
 THIRD ROW: Philip Reeder, Donovan Roth, Robert West, Eleanor Reeder, Shirley Reist, Thelma Bitikofer, Vesta Kauffman, Warde Hershberger, Robert Durkin.  
 FOURTH ROW: Daniel Nisly, Lester Steckly, Eddie Reno, Edward Wolfer, Robert Yoder, Leland Miller, Henry Friesen, David Roth, Merlin Schweitzer. Not pictured: Grace Wideman.

The thirty-one members of the King Creek Literary met twice a month to enjoy spiritual and social times together. The purpose of our literary as stated in the constitution is "to develop Christian character; to provide wholesome recreation; to provide opportunities for practice in developing oral expression, and originality, the use of argument, parliamentary law, and singing; and to train literary talent for Christian service." Our motto is "Have I Done My Best?" Whatever we do, whether it be great or small, we strive to do our best, not for any praise we may gain, but for the Lord who helps us in doing our best.

With the coming of the new literary some of our members were needed to help it succeed. Although they have left us, we have been able to continue going steadily onward, striving to do our best.

During the hour that the King Creek Literary meets we have learned, played, and had Christian fellowship together. If you are wondering what our Literary is really like, come and visit any meeting of the King Creek Literary. You are always welcome to enjoy a program with us.

*Joanne Hershberger*



# Clarion Literary



FIRST ROW: Junior Wolfer, Caroline Jantzi, Esther Evers, Beverly Shenk, Norma Jean Kaufman, Joanne Cook, Rosemarie Flores, Kermit Gingerich.

SECOND ROW: John Miller (Sponsor), Loren Emmert, Gilbert Burkey, Norma Kropf, Connie Martin, Rosalie Kentta, Ardis Beckler, Sterling Burkey.

THIRD ROW: Albert Nisly, Kenneth Wolfer, Eldon Ropp, Calvin Emmert, Verle Headings, Norman Roth, Harvey Kuhns. Not Pictured: Verle Stutzman, Erma Zook, Clarence Hoeftling

We as a Clarion Literary have enjoyed the past year and have had many good times together in Christian fellowship.

In our athletic program we as the Clarion Literary came out on top in every sport. The main theme of our Literary is "Steadily Advancing." During the past year we have had many good programs and have done many things together which was a benefit to each of us. We elected officers twice during the year. Verle Stutzman opened the year as President, while Loren Emmert finished. As secretary Erma Zook started, and Rosemarie Flores finished.

For our project, we as a group worked toward clearing a space along the bank of King Creek. This can be used as a meeting place for small groups. This project helped to unite us as a Literary, and to learn the art of working with others.

*Loren Emmert*

# Clubs

## AERO CLUB

During the past year the members of the Aero Club had a very enjoyable time. Our club met every other Wednesday. Bro. Swartzentruber told us how to plan a flight with a compass chart, and he also told about some of his flying experiences. We paid a visit to the airports in Salem and Portland. We observed the day and night flights.

We have all enjoyed our time spent in this club.

*Stanley Mishler*



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This was a very interesting club. We learned quite a lot about the camera and how it works. We learned several techniques for taking perfect pictures and about choosing suitable backgrounds in taking pictures.

Several evenings we viewed slides on scenery which were impressive. A few times we looked at magazines to study picture composition.

*Rosemary Frances*



## ART CLUB

The few students who joined the Art Club found out that they had more art ability than they thought they had. We worked with pastels which was very interesting.

Some of us made scenery pictures, others made portraits. We appreciated the patience of our sponsor, Sister Eichelberger.

*Elanor Reeder*





# Clubs



GIRLS' CRAFT CLUB

This club consisted of girls eager to learn new and different hobbies. Some of the projects were braiding rugs, textile painting, and painting ceramics. Many different kinds and sizes of candles were made. Artificial flowers were made out of wood fiber.

Our one hour on every other Wednesday was not long enough. This club was worth while for we learned many new things through the help of our patient sponsor.

*Ada Wagler*



GIRLS' WOODWORKING CLUB

The Shop teacher, Brother Strubhar, undertook the task of teaching a few girls how to make articles out of wood such as bookends, salt and pepper shakers, and toy boxes.

We elected Louretta Shenk as president and Ada Wagler as Secretary-Treasurer. We met every other Wednesday night in the shop. We had a good time and also learned a few things.

*Susie Stutzman*



SPORTSMANS' CLUB

The Sportsman's Club has had many good times together this season. We were privileged to have several sportsman tell us of their different hunting experiences.

Also, several evenings we went on a coon hunt which we all enjoyed very much. We feel these experiences will help us to more fully appreciate the great outdoors God has given us.

Eldon Ropp

# Class Will

We, the undersigned members of the Senior Class of Western Mennonite School of 1954, being of sound mind and body, and having considered the serious needs of various students, hereby resolve to bequeath, assign, surrender, and declare this our last will and testament--in manner and form as follows:

## ARTICLE I

To the faculty we leave the memory of class room behavior, and we give to them the possibility of hearing great things of us in the future.

## ARTICLE II

To the Juniors we leave, Senior privileges, responsibilities, last minute, hurried preparation for graduation (including empty pocketbooks), and the thrill of commencement.

## ARTICLE III

To the Sophomores the ability to be dignified upper classmen and hand assignments in promptly.

## ARTICLE IV

To the Freshmen we will our happy times in high school and the ability to receive A's.

## ARTICLE V

I, Lyle Birky, will my hearty laugh to Eldon Ropp, and my rattle trap of a Ford to Merlin Schweitzer.

I, Thelma Bitikofer, will my crooked hair to Vesta Kauffman, and my love of travel toward the rising sun to Esta Schrock.

I, Pearly Craft, will my job to whoever needs a good, steady income and my "Goodrich Tires" to David Roth. The way he drives, he'll soon need new ones.

I, Merle Embleton, will my guitar and good times with it to Kermit Gingerich and my pet gopher to Loren Lind. It's a small, "biti" one and I'm sure Loren will give it the care it needs.

I, Loren Emmert, will my willingness to let everyone use my car to Maynard Nofziger, and my desire to be assistant secretary to Warde Hershberger.

I, Marvin Emmert, will my athletic ability to Maurice Shenk, and my ability to get on the good side of the cooks to anyone with a ravenous appetite.

I, Verna Hershberger, will my position on the annual staff to Don Uesch, and my place in the front row of chorus to Connie Martin.

I, Verle Headings, will my ability to give intelligent answers in P.O.D. class to Lois Conrad, and my deep serious thinking to Norman Roth.

I, Evelyn Hostetler, will my ability to serve as committee chairman to Norma Kropf, and my admiration for red objects to Ardis Beckler.

I, Nadine Kauffman, will my love of Montana to Ada Mae Wagler, and my pleasant letters to Esther Evers.

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# Class Will

I, Norma Jean Kauffman, will my efficiency in performing assigned tasks to Rosemarie Jones and my Monday morning rides to school to anyone coming from the south.

I, Helen Lind, will my straight A's on every report card to Junior Bitikofer, and my cute little chuckle (even though it's silly) to my sister, Ruby. We want to keep it in the family.

I, Ruth Nisly, will my calm, understanding ways to Susie Stutzman and my love of my kid brotner to Dianne Wolfer.

I, Alicia Rivera, will my Spanish vocabulary to Harold Snyder, and my letters from Puerto Rico to Allen Lind.

I, Shirley Roth, will my place as first soprano to Alice Kaltenbach and my distant cousin from Montana to Joanne Hershberger.

I, Paul Schrock, will my fame as an orator to Raymond Kauffman, and my long legs which come in handy when playing basketball, to Donnie Roth.

I, Louise Shenk, will my quiet disposition to Shirley Steckly, and my baby tooth to Bob West.

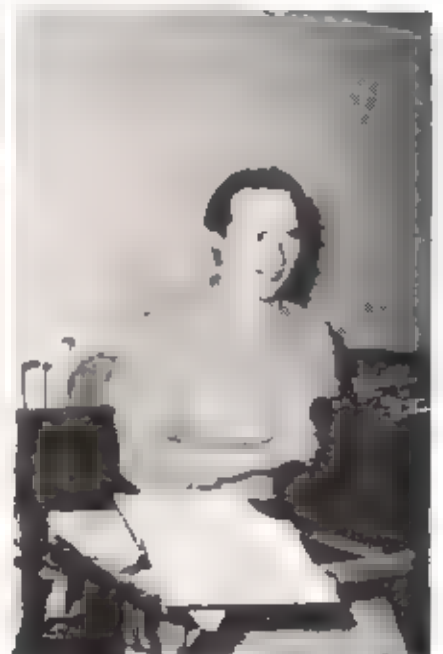
I, Verle Stutzman, will my deep respect for older people to Philip Reeder, and my load on Monday morning to Gilbert Burkey.

I, Grace Wideman, will my originality to Wanda Kester, and my ability to get along with Louisiana folk to Shirley Reist.

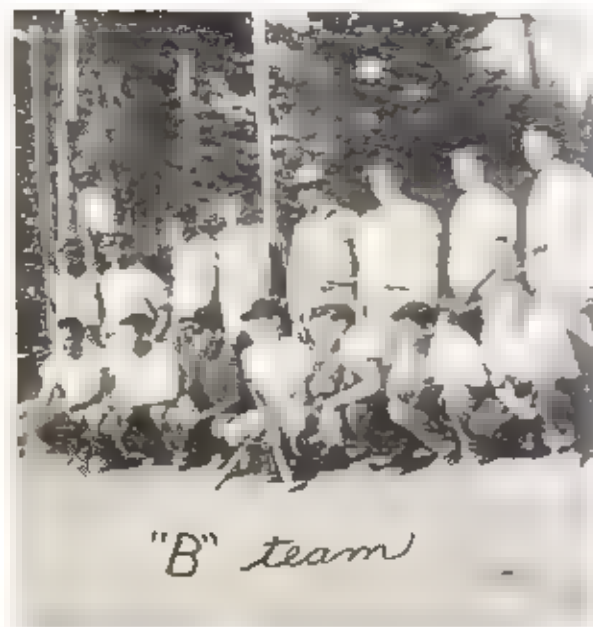
I, Junior Wolfer, will my position as Senior Class President to anyone who is dignified enough to fill the place, and my height to Edward Wolfer, since he needs it so badly.

I, Kenneth Wolfer, will my red hair and freckles to Eddie Reno, and my loyalty to my roommate to Beverly Shenk.

I, Erma Zook, will my typing ability to Clarence Hoefling, and my love for the farm and farm animals, especially 'chick'ens, to Donna Driver.



# Sports





Around the  
Campus





# Track Meet



1. Bev strains for the record.
2. Is it heavy, Merlin?
3. Broad jumping.
4. Porky wins again, high point man of the meet.
5. Off for the 440 yard race.
6. Spectators.
7. Reno, champion pole vaulter.
8. A record throw by Marv.
9. The last stretch.
10. Run, girls!



# Little People



1. Miss Idaho of '35, Pearly Craft.
2. Scared, Ruth?
3. Paul, the Editor.
4. Junior, our Senior class president.
5. Nature lover--Erma Zook.
6. Inquisitive little Verna.
7. Philosophical Headings.

8. Chick exploring the possibilities.
9. A Montana rattler--Lyle Birky.
10. Shirley, the table model.
11. WESTERN or bust! (Marv Emmert).
12. GRACEful.

## A black and white photograph of a young child, possibly a toddler, standing in the center of a room. The child is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved dress or tunic. The room has patterned wallpaper, and a doorway is visible in the background to the right. The lighting is somewhat dim, and the image has a slightly grainy texture.



8. Serious thought, Jeanie?
9. Merle's going places.
10. Cutie--Louise.
11. Mischievous Wolfer--  
Kenneth.
12. Dog's best friend-Verle S.
13. "How beautiful are thy  
feet."--Paul
14. Evelyn reaching for---?



# Here ...



1. Where ya headed, Butch?
2. Bedtime snack.
3. Canadian cousins.
4. Board member interviews prospective student.
5. Virginia beauties.
6. Happy birthday, Thelma.
7. Oh-h-h-! What is it?
8. Tee, hee! Did you hear about last night?
9. He loves me. He loves me not.

10. Shortband?
11. Is my shirt clean enough to wear today?
12. Mumps.
13. NUTS!!
14. A handsome grin, Stan.
15. Now here's the problem, men.
16. Happy, Bev?
17. Typing jokes, Verle?
18. Don't you dare!
19. Mail time.

20. Who put a bug in his ear?
21. Is it straight, Rosalie?
22. Sweet dreams, Ada?
23. "Lawyer" Emmert prepares his case.
24. Oh, look what I see!
25. Well? What of it?
26. Fashion show.
27. Brother Clarence Ramer.
28. Meditation.



# There ...



1. Yes, "mother"!
2. Cat napping.
3. Rest for the weary.
4. Maurice.
5. Congratulations, Marv.
6. Our Breezes Editor.
7. Bites?

16. Considering the evidence.
17. Chums.
18. "Porky"
19. Junior pals.
20. Senior Fellowship.
21. Those dimples!
22. We four, no more.

8. Willing workers.
9. Hat Parade.
10. Resting.
11. Frosh.
12. Camping out.
13. Scrub boy.
14. Mr. Board Member.
15. Slumberland.

**HAMMER  
TENT REVIVAL!**  
at 7:30

# Everywhere



1. Advertising
2. Stan checks the seams
3. Kermit the hermit
4. Dishwasher
5. Assistant Breeze's editor
6. O-o-o-oh! What's that?
7. The Hammer tent
8. Business office
9. Fugitive hiding from the law
10. Miss Wideman
11. Equipment arrived

12. Tiresome reading
13. Waiting line
14. Louisiana fellow
15. Learning
16. Traveling
17. After a "good" meal
18. Ready for an appearance?
19. In trouble?
20. Junior-Senior Dinner
21. Troubles?
22. Wheel him away



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